A few lines from the "Little, Old Sod Shanty on the Claim" may be of interest to many of the readers of the FREE TRA-DER, for those who have neither friends nor acquaintances in Dakota are few in-

Dayton is in the northwest corner of Day county, on the survey of the Black Hills branch of the Northern Pacific R. R., and is 32 miles northeast of Columbia. It is not down on the maps yet, but hopes to be ere long. Meantime the gopher burrows In front of the postoffice door and the P. M. shoots prairie chickens out of the back window. There is something intoxicating in the clear skies and pure atmosphere of this northern latitude, and perhaps to that fact is due to some extent the marvelous stories that go back to the states of impossible crops, of gigantic fortunes made in a few months, etc. To one who believes that a great future awaits Dakota it is sufficient to point to the government statistics, which show that as an agricultural country she will compare favorably with the best of the older states. One thing is certain in regard to big crops, there are more babies to the township than I ever saw anywhere else in my travels.

There were no snow storms here last winter, as there were in Illinois, so that the ground was ready to work earlier than usual. Sowing wheat was begun in a few cases as much as a month ago, and most land that was plowed last fall is now seeded. The principal crop here is, of course, wheat. Corn did well last year and a considerable acreage of that cereal will be plant ed this season. A large amount of flaxseed will probably be sown, owing to the high price it has brought for some time

Prairie fires are common at this time of the year. At night can be seen in all directions on the edge of the horizon the bright red line of light, so beautiful in the distance, so terrible when near. For a prairie fire means, when your property is not protected by a sufficient fire break, a and often the settler is doomed to witness the ruins of his home saddened by the reflection that a few hours' work at the proper time would have prevented the loss. There is a heavy penalty for setting prairie fires. It is done in some instances to clear the ground for breaking, and often that the buffalo bones may be more easily found. Two years ago the prairies were strewn bles, glanders and farcy, remove the aniwith them. Their market value in rallroad | mul far away from all healthy horses, give many settlers bought their provisions and generous dict until cured. coal for a long time with the proceeds of this strange first crop of the land.

The sod shanty is fast disappearing and many large and substantial farm houses may be seen in a day's ride. The white is fast leaving the field to the horse; and, an automatic presidential hand shaker well sustained. strides towards the comforts and conveniences of older communities.

The one great want, cheap fuel, seems in a fair way to be supplied, as a bed of coal six feet in thickness has been found five miles east of here at a depth of 120 feet. Little is known as yet in regard to which was nearly as long as a sermon, the North American Review for Sepindicates that Day county has a bonanza. T. B. M.

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From New Orleans.

The Exposition.

manufactures in large variety: familiar with "The Pittsburg of the West," ness. Sometimes, it is true, this has been well up to the standard with which it aided by Carter's Little Liver Pills. They It consists of sheets and cylinders of very occasioned by much extra work imposed started. large size, and beautifully clear and trans on a force not quite sufficient in numbers. Readers of THE POPULAR SCIENCE parent. The display of textiles of all kinds but generally it has been due to inefficient MONTHLY can be quite sure of their from Brussels and Ghent is very complete, and lazy clerks, whose interest in the pay- money's worth in the May number, which while a long row of large and handsome rell overshadowed completely their concern is full of articles rich in thought, and inmirrors seems singularly attractive to the in the work of the government. Changes formation on living questions of the day. Near it is a carved oak bedstead, valued at finished each day. \$2,000 lace bedpread?

very low.

display of fine and costly furs.

Those of luxurious tastes can be accomfound in the entire exposition.

The glass workers of Bohemia show crats. their wonderful skill in a magnificent dis-

and coral for the palm of artistic work. through in a hurry."

laneous character, consisting of various est felt in society circles as to the ladies of manufactures from several cities.

poor and bears the marks of a sound and tions would occur. practical benevolence.

England exhibits esthetic furniture and furnishings, crockery, woolen goods, cut

Ireland displays tweeds and other wool-

Canada is represented only by a piano

Of Central and South American countries. Brazil makes a very extensive display of coffee, consisting of 612 distinct sam-

hard fight with that destructive element, of the Quatzal or bird of freedom, the em- ton Gibson. "Espanola and its Environs" survive captivity. When captured it strug. tractive and richly illustrated paper by Dr.

If your horse is afflicted with those

Washington Letter.

Regular Correspondence.

Washington, April 20th, 1885.

the presidential mansion.

en for a day's pay.

realistic. France has, besides, a very cred- time to select the proper substitutes, and Table, and there are 20 pages of Literary itable educational exhibit, which will be consider the tremendous difficulties that Notices, Popular Miscellany, &c. noticed in connection with that depart- confront the Administration. There are knotty legal questions to be considered in Austria is noticeable chiefly for a very the matter and the manner of removals. large display of furniture, of ordinary va- It would be just as reasonable to substitute rieties but improved manufacture, Besides a full force of new employes in a watch this, there are fine glassware and porcelain, factory at a single stroke as to contend that filigree jewelry, mosaics, &c., in great the President should at once turn the republicans out and replace them by demo-

The "committee on economy" which is play of rare and exquisitely beautiful inquiring into the methods of business in waltz by Tosti. The subscription price the Treasury Department will be engaged All that is graceful, delicate and artistic for some weeks, perhaps months, before in bijouteric and bric a brac seems to be they are ready to report. "Thus far we epresented in the space occupied by Italy, have simply scratched around in a tew of the art land. Modelings in clay and carve the bureaus," said one of the committee to ings in wood and other materials vie with day, "and as it is our intention to go right delicate filigree jewelry and work in pearl into everything, we cannot rush things

With the entrance of a new Administra-The exhibit of Germany is of a miscel- tion there was naturally considerable inter the cabinet and their characteristics. From An interesting feature is the exhibit of all accounts the impressions formed by the Red Cross Union, a benevolent associa- contact with Miss Cleveland and the ladietion of German women having for its ob- who will for the next four years be promiect the helping of the deserving poor, not nent factors in the social world, are of the by direct pecuniary assistance, but by the most flattering description. Some of the wiser course of furnishing instruction and ladies of society here paid particular attenraw materials and helping them to find a tion to noting the effects of the new ele market for their productions. The exhibit ment, and their verdict was that society comprises a variety of work done by the was in safe hands and no disagreeable tric

> Advancing spring warns us to be prepared for warmer weather. Strengthen the system, purify the blood, by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Literature.

Magazines.

The May Harren's opens with a beauti ful suggestion of spring to its frontispiece. ples, but makes no other exhibit whatever. entitled Spring Blossoms, from a drawing The Republic of Honduras, British Hon- by Howard Pyle. There is fuller intimaduras and Guatemala are remarkable for tion of the same bright season in the fine the great natural wealth displayed in the full page illustration, by Alfred Parsons, of shape of fine woods, hides, dyestuffs, coffee, Wordsworth's sonnet, "Admonition," and medicinal barks and herbs, &c. In the in an interesting and finely illustrated pa-Gustemala exhibit are stuffed specimens per on "A Witch Hazel," by Wm. Hamil. blem of the republic. It is a beautiful is a readable paper, with some striking bird, with metallic green plumage, and re- pictures of life and scenery in New Mexiceives its name from the fact that it cannot co. "Through London by Canal" is an at gles wildly and in a few moments falls E. B. Martin. Harry Comstock contributes a timely and valuable article on "Jersey Cattle in America;" J. W. Girard has a paper full of pictures of old Dutch life in But buffalo bones are very scarce now, twin pests of all crowded livery sta New York entitled "Anneke Jans Bogardus and Her Farm;" and Dr. Millet's second Parties desiring quarters for the summer paper in his series of Baltic sketches untowns was eight and ten dollars per ton, and him Day's Horse and Cattle Powder, and a the head of "A Wild Goose Chase," takes the reader from Copenhagen to Skagen.-The novels, "At the Red Glove" and "East Angels," are continued, and there are three

pastors of the African Methodist Confer- an interval of sixty-six years, now brings of colored people, which passed before Buchanan on "The New Buddha." The them as they stood on the front portico of critics found fault with Mr. Bryant's poem

In the Departments the work goes brave it remains to be seen what they will say of chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin ly on, and to those who know the past con- Mr. Buchanan's. The question, "Has eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay dition of the Departments this is saying a Christianity Benefitted Women?" is ably great deal. A remarkable change has discussed in this number by Elizabeth come over them. The clerks are all doing Cady Stanton and Bishop J. L. Spaulding. real work, and surprising everybody, and President J. L. Pickard writes on "Why especially themselves. For several years Crime is Increasing," and David Dudley past it has been very unusual to find a de- Field on "Industrial co-operation," while partment or a bureau of a department here Prof. Andrew F. West, of Princeton, cor-Among the foreign exhibits in the main in Washington with the current work up tributes an article of great clearness and building that of Belgium comes next to to date. It is not uncommon to find offices strength on "What is American Freedom?" Mexico in extent. The exhibit is almost months behind, and some of them even Jame Payne, the English novelist, discuswholly a commercial one, consisting of longer than months. Whenever anything see "Success in Fiction," and T. F. This their spring terms not later than June 30. of this kind has happened little success elton Dyer "Superstition in English Life." The exhibit of glass is interesting to one has attended efforts to even up the busi. The new department of Comments keeps

passing multitude. Lace is there-deli- now going on indicate that this hap-hazard The first paper, "Our Recent Debts to and fruits of the earth are his to begin cate, filmy creations, with years of labor wayof doing business has had its best days. Vivisection," by William W. Keen, M. D., with, and he should "fare sumptnously eveentangled in its fairy meshes. One piece, Those Departments and Bureaus which are is a graphic account of the benefits that have ry day." Why not? He will be all the valued at \$2,000, represents the labor of behind with their accounts and reports are been conferred upon humanity during the is his duty as well as his privilege. The thirty-two women for six months, equiva to catch up with the current business, and last quarter of a century, by means of expe-only reason he does not, is that he has perlent to sixteen year's of one person's life. when that is done each day's work is to be riments on animals. The article by Profes. mitted himself and his family to get into a sor W. K. Brooks is a significant answer rut of beef and cabbage, pork and potatoes the same price. How many persons will This is as it should be and is just what to the interesting question "Can Man be is all wrong from every point of view. He ever sleep in a \$2,000 bedstead under a every well-regulated house would have modified by Selection?" Dr. Max von should get out, he must get out, if he done by its own employes. It will necessi. Pettenkofer's timely papers on "Cholera" Many of the Belgian productions are ex- tate, of course, a thorough overhauling of end in this number, with the fourth of the ceedingly artistic, and prices as a rule are the different bureaus and the discharge of series, which is mainly devoted to the subidle and incapable clerks of both sexes, ject of prevention. "Religion without large the boundaries of the garden, and en-The Russian exhibit is remarkable for who have heretofore relied upon political Dogma," by Mr. George Iles, is a vigorous large your ideas of gardening at the same the low, solidly built sledges and carriages, influence to keep them in place. It will protest against the trammels of theologithe wheels of the latter being only about demand the retention of good servants and cal authority. "Methods of teaching politwo feet in diameter. The leather industry the displacement of bad, and the general tical economy," by Professor J. Laurence is well represented, and there is a large recognition that a day's work must be giv. Laughlin; "A Scientific View of the Coal Question," by G. Gore; and "Training in An occasional howl of rage in the republical Science," by H. H. Curtis, are able modated with beautiful and massive gold lican morning paper announces that the articles, deserving the attention of all who and silverware, with \$1500 center tables of official head of a republican worker has are concerned in the management of the malachite and foot-square bronzes at \$500 fallen into the place of wailing and gnash- young, and interested in the subject of Hall a fortune of \$25,000. each. The latter, though, are worth the ing of teeth, but as yet this good work has educational improvement. The present money, for nothing more artistic can be hardly begun. There will be more of it installment of "The Chemistry of Cookery" anon, and if the republican paper is going is devoted to vegetarianism, and other ar to Hood's Sarsaparilla. This is not a mere The exhibit of France contains a system to howl about such a little thing as chop ticles of interest are: The Nervous System patent medicine, but a proprietary article of light railroading, besides jewelry, artificial heads, it will have to issue and Consciousness, by Prof. Benedict; possessing real curative properties, and its cial flowers, fine pottery and bric-a-brac in a double sheet and an extra edition.

Arctic Exploration and its Objects, by Dr. Debility Riliousness Despensis and all

in wax, which are startlingly natural and but these should reflect that it requires of Philosophy are discussed in the Editor's

Brainard's Musical World comes to us more interesting than ever. The editorials and letters are always pleasing, also the miscellany and correspondence. The April number of the World contains some very interesting vocal and instrumental music, viz: "My Bonnie Boy," ballad by Wellings "Listen to Dem Ding, Dong, Bells," by Saw. ver; "Mendolina," a Mexican serenade by Langey, and "For Ever and For Ever," \$1.50 per annum. Address S. Brainard's Sons, State staeet, Chicago, Ill.

A New Day of Issue for "The Century. The editions of The Century Magazine are now so large that it has become necessary either to go to press at an ealier date or to postpone the day of issue. The latter ilternative has been accepted. The April number, the edition of which was 225,000, was delayed until the 25th of March. The May number-edition, 250,000-will be issued on the 1st day of May, thus inauguating with the first number of the thirtieth olume a change which has loug been considered desirable by the publishers, and which, it is believed, will be heartily commended by the puplic. Future numbers of The Century Magazine will be issued on the 1st day of the month of which each bears

A Chancellor's Opinion.

Hon. James Harlan, ex-Vice Chancellor of Louisville, Ky., a brother of Justice Harlan, U. S. Supreme Court, says of St Jacobs Oil: "I use it, and I know full well whereof I speak in pronouncing it a most extraordinary cure for all that is claimed for it by its proprietors. Every family should have it."

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The summer resort near the "Old Mag nesian Chalybeate" and "Colfax" minera springs, at Colfax, Iowa, 24 miles east of Des Moines and 333 west of Chicago, on the Rock Island & Pacific R'y, will be opened on May 6, for the season of 1885 This splendid hotel can accommodate 300 guests. All its appointments are first-class. Its tables are supplied with all the substantials and delicacies, and its parlors, reading and sleeping rooms with every convenience Croquet, billiards, bowling alleys and other facilities for recreation. Thayer's orchestra engaged for the season.

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Ammoniated Bread.

Ammoniated baking powders-that is baking powders in which carbonate of ammonia is used as an ingredient, and which good short stories. George William Curtis, exhale an odor of ammonia when heatedin the Easy Chair, and Charles Dudley are classed by many physicians and sanita-President Cleveland has had much hand Warner, in The Drawer, contribute to the rians as superior to all others. Prof. Has school houses at the cross-roads are already shaking as usual to do this week, and un reader's entertainment and amusement, est authority on the subject of food hygie quite numerous; the faithful but slow ox less some one shall soon invent and patent and the other editorial departments are ne, commends in the strongest terms the ing agent, stating its great advantage to be taken all in all, we are making rapid there will be need of a deputy or assistant. It is a curious fact that one of the most in its perfect volatility, which permits it to president to perform this office. Negro famous poems in our language appeared he, by the heat of baking, entirely thrown delegations have predominated at the originally in a magaze that seldom touches into leavening gas whereby the bread is white house this week. The bishops and poetry at all, and the same periodical, after raised. The experiment with heat would seem to indicate the superior, not the inferior, value of such baking powder. The ence called upon the President, and their out another poem very similar in theme. little heat that is imparted to it when held foreman made an introductory address, Bryant's "Thanatopsis" was first printed in over a gas jet, lamp or stove suffices to resolve the carbonate of ammonia into leavening gas and throw it off. The first heat the extent of the find, but everything now The same day Mr. Cleveland and his cabi tember, 1817. The May number of the of baking, therefore, will effectually develnet reviewed the emancipation procession Review, just out, has a poem by Robert op all the gas, thoroughly leaven the loaf, and dissipate the gas producing ingredients of a powder of this kind; and this is the highest test of a perfect baking powder. on the ground that it was un-Christian; Where other alkalies alone are used they are not infrequently retained, unresolved, through the whole process of baking, and remain an unwholesome ingredient in the finished bread. The carbonate of ammonia cannot be used as a substitute for cream of tartar .- N. Y. Weckly Tribune.

State Sup't Henry Raab has recently decided that directors may hire teachers for a term extending for a reasonable time after the April election, but directors cannot hire teachers before the election for a term extending beyond the beginning of the school year. July 1. From the above it may be inferred that all schoots should close

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sorts" feeling from which so many suffer CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, &c. and which is peculiar to this season, will be quite satisfied with the results.

Mrs. Meath, who a few years ago lived near Mendota, has been left a fortune of \$600,000 with an annuity of \$5,000 a year besides. The case had been in the English courts for nine years. The property is situated in Dunmore, Ireland. Her son P. T. Meath, taught school in Col. Morrill's listrict some ten years ago.

One of the greatest of Pennsylvania's products is petroleum. Millions have been made in the greasy fluid. Benjamin Crump, living at Oil City, right in the heart of the petroleum country, was prostrated by sick headache and general exhaustion, by working continuously in the sun. By the doctor's advice he used Mishler's Herb Bitters as a preventive, and thereafter did not suffer.

The Globe is guilty of the parentege of the following statement: There are residing in a cottage at Manlius, this county one great-grandmother, two grandmothers three mothers, three daughters, two granddaughters, one son, one uncle, one greatuncle, two widows, four fatherless children; yet there are only five persons in all.

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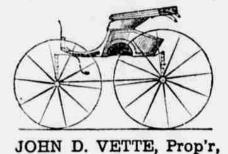
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